

## ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR DECEMBER 24, 2023

**Parking** | spots are available in the parking lot and on the Park Drive side of the church. Additional Parking spaces are available across the street, at the school.

**Large Print Bulletins** | If you would like to use a large print bulletin, please help yourself to one on the back pew or ask an usher for assistance.

**OFFERING** | Stationary plates are placed at the rear of the pews for your offerings. Online giving through the church's website is also encouraged. <https://www.gracethornville.org/giving>

**PRAYER** | Kate Simmons, family of Gregg Thomas, John Cooperrider, Linda Dittoe, Larry Arnold, Donna Winegardner, Diane White, Bob Druchel, Bob Myers, Fred Boring, Lynda, Mike Forsythe, Bob Little, Dave Shelly, Debbie, Andrew Smith, Sherry & Pat Shay, Lisa Snider, Misty Hoover Connor, Jon & Patti Ridenour, David Turner, Larry, Phyllis Beavers, Theresa Ralston, Lainey Betz, 4 month old Journey, Sidney, Patty, Family of Patty Sigler, Jay Carson family, Barb. Prayer-line: [prayer@gracethornville.org](mailto:prayer@gracethornville.org), 740.246.6576, or Sharon Roshon 740.467.3198.

**Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my dad, Gary Gilgien, by Bethany Douglas.

**Poinsettias Decorating the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God by the following people and may be taken home following the 5pm or 9pm service:

*By Sue Cottrill.*

*In memory of Keith Fetheroff, by Jacqueline Combs.*

*In honor of God's Gift of Salvation - Jesus, by Susan Cheney.  
In memory of all lost lives in Israel/Palestine War, by Susan Cheney.*

*In memory of Carl R. Cooperrider, by Doug & Lesa Cooperrider.*

*In memory of Robert Forsythe, by Susan Forsythe.*

*In memory of Brandon Haggenjos and Jay Carson, by Cheryl & Jeff Haggenjos.*

*In honor of our parents and grandparents: Carl & Linda Keaser, William & Joyce Hamilton, by Chad, Jen, Josiah, and Zac Hamilton.*

*In memory of Dean Boyer, by Jim & Martha Harrison.*

*In memory of John Mickey and Franklin & Eva Boyer, by Mary Louise Boyer and Mary Lou Mickey.*

*In honor of our family, by Paul & Sandy Moentmann.*

*In memory of Mary Ellen Pairan, by Karen Pairan.*

*In honor of Keith Stought, by David & Glenyce Rodenbaugh.*

*In memory of Bernard Carpenter and Hilda & Joe Rodgers, by Tom & Twila Rodgers.*

*In memory of Woodrow and Doris Shrider, by Brenda Shearer and family.*

*In honor of our parents: Mark & Ellen Ricketts and Frank & Dorothy Yakes, by Heather & Jeff Yakes.*

### **Christmas Eve/Day Services:**

- Sunday, Dec. 24: 5:00pm and 9:00pm.
- Monday, Dec. 25: 10:30am Christmas Day Worship Service

**Christmas Offering:** Council agreed to split the special Christmas offering between the Lutheran Church of South Sudan and the NALC intern. Any donations either marked as such on a regular envelope, or whatever is received in the "Christmas" envelopes will be divided.

**Hospitalized** this past week: Kate Simmons in Genesis Hospital.

**2024 Offering Envelopes** have been assigned and are ready to be picked up from the gathering space. If you cannot find your box of personalized envelopes, or if you would like to be assigned a box, please contact the church office 740-246-6576 and a box will be made available for you.

**"My Fifty-Two Favorite Hymns"** - For this coming year, Pr. Tom will be providing a weekly devotional reflection on his list of fifty-two of his favorite hymns, one for each week of the year, which will be posted on his blog. The hymns chosen correspond roughly to the unfolding church calendar. Hymns provide us with a window into the time and circumstances in which they were written, but they also help us in our own life of prayer as they express the faith of the Church with grace and beauty. The first, second, and third posts are live on his blog. You can access these weekly reflections at the following link, which will also be provided in the weekly email reminder about worship for the coming Sunday: <https://theelectronicconventicle.weebly.com>

**NALC Internship** - This coming year (2024), the Southeast Ohio Mission District of the NALC will be hosting a seminary intern preparing for ordination. This intern will be based at Groveport Zion Lutheran Church, but will have the chance to do things in all the congregations of our district. Funding for the intern is needed. Our church council decided to designate half of the special Christmas offering to help fund this internship, with the other half going to the Lutheran Church-South Sudan. You can give by writing "NALC Internship" on your offering envelope.

**Pop Tabs** - We will continue this ministry throughout the year. A collection jar for your tabs is in the gathering space. Thank you for your support of Ronald McDonald House with your donation of pop tabs.

**Ways To Serve** - Ways to help with the worship service are posted at the "Congregation Corner" in the gathering space. **Greeters:** a very important ministry in our parish, welcoming people coming to Grace for worship, handing out bulletins, collecting the offering, and more. **Lector:** Reading of the lessons. **Acolytes:** Lighting the candles. **LifeWise Safety:** This takes approximately 2 ½ to 3 hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays assisting kids crossing Columbus Street from Thornville Elementary School to Grace and back. Please take a moment to check it out, then choose a date and time that works for you.

**"Phishing" Scams** - In our sinful world, there is unfortunately no shortage of people who seek to deceive and take advantage of others. Churches and their leaders are often targets of such scams. Often, such scammers will send emails to church members pretending to be the pastor and then asking for money or gift cards. If you receive one of these emails or other communications, ignore them. Pastor Tom or other NALC church leaders will never contact you in such a manner. If you do receive such an email, please let the church office know.

**SCHEDULE FOR DEC 24-31**

<u>Today</u>	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship
	5:00pm	Worship
	9:00pm	Worship
<u>Monday</u>	10:30am	Worship
<u>Tuesday</u>	10:15am	Extension Homemakers
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Monticello Circle
<u>Thursday</u>	7:00pm	Choir Practice
<u>Friday</u>	8:00pm	AA Meeting
<u>Saturday</u>	10:00am	S. Wilke
<u>Next Sunday</u>	8:00am	Worship
	9:15am	Adventures In Faith
	9:15am	Confirmation Class
	10:30am	Worship

**Serving this Sunday 10:30am:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Valinda Arnold  
 Acolytes: Brody Barrera, Kolie Barrera  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving this Sunday 5:00pm:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Jeff Stought  
 Greeters:  
 Lector:  
 Acolytes:  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving this Sunday 9:00pm:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Lisa Duerson  
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson, Abby Duerson  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Christmas Morning 10:30am:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Tom Rodgers  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: Theresa Jacobson  
 Acolytes: Henrik Jacobson, Abby Duerson  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Serving Next Sunday:**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tom Jacobson  
 Assisting Minister: Kelly O'Reilly  
 Greeters:  
 Lector: (8am); Peggy Shafer(10:30)  
 Acolytes:(10:30)  
 Accompanist: Sue Ellen Simmons

**Attendance:** 8am: 32; 10:30: 105; Wednesday Advent: 19

**Giving:** (12/10) General: \$8,573.38; Lancaster Food: \$15; LWR: \$12.50; NALC: \$20.; TEAF: \$78.; Local Food: \$90.; Backpack: \$310.; Pastor Didi: \$100.; Vogt family: \$15.; LifeWise: \$205.; NALC Internship: \$135.; Heartbeats:\$200.; Homeless Shelter: \$5. Capital Campaign: \$5.; Thanksgiving: \$250.; Flower Fund: \$60.; South Sudan: \$100.; Pass Thru: \$90. Total: \$10,263.88